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TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle 3539 in Dobriluck

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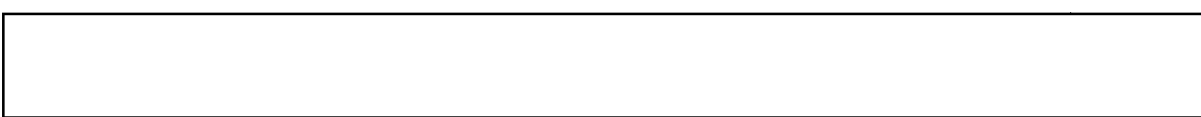
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1. On 1 March 1952, there were about 550 men in the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 3539 in Kirchhain-Dobriluck, the ordnance school of the Volkspolizei. The school consisted of: Installation I in the castle where the courses for ordnance engineers and armorer-artificer officials were held; Installation II in the former Schuetzenhaus (clubhouse of a rifle club) which was the central ordnance repair shop; and Installation III in Wonnernsdorf which was the central ordnance depot. Installation III was located in a camp of the former Todt organization in the wooded area northwest of Finsterwalde where a spur track goes to the silicon mine.
2. Installation I was organized into the headquarters, the instruction and training section, the PK section, the administrative and the motor transport section. The headquarters consisted of the school commandant, the deputy PK chief, the chief of staff, the chief director of instruction and training, the director of instruction and training, the technical chief instructor, technical instructors and personnel in charge of classified material. The instruction and training section consisted of: a planning sub-section with an attached instruction workshop; a visual aids sub-section; and infantry, artillery, AAA, basic training, tactics, weapons, topography, ordnance material, signal communications and sports sub-sections. The motor transport section was equipped with 5 sedans, 7 trucks and 2 motorcycles. On 1 March, two instruction courses for ordnance personnel assigned to the 1st and 2d Cos, which numbered 60 and 120 police respectively, and one course for armorer-artificer officials were being held. The courses for ordnance personnel were scheduled to last for 12 months and were attended by police ranking up to Kommissar. The course for armorer-artificer officials was attended by one company of 137 men, ranking up to VP Hauptwachtmeister, and was to last for 6 to 8 months. It was planned to hold a course for ordnance engineers in the near future. Only VP officers from Unterkommissar upwards were to attend it. Weapons available for instruction purposes included: German 88-mm AA guns, Soviet 152-mm field howitzers, Soviet 75-mm field howitzers, German model 18 heavy and light field howitzers; German model 15 heavy and light infantry guns, a Soviet heavy mortar, German and Soviet medium mortars, Maxim heavy machine guns, model 08/15 heavy machine guns, a Soviet light machine gun with box magazine; German models 34 and 42 light machine guns, Soviet submachine guns with drum magazine, German models 38 and 41 submachine guns, Soviet models K-38 and G-42 carbines, German models 98-k and G-43 carbines, German models 08 and P-38 pistols,

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Polish Radom pistols, Belgian model FN-7.65-mm pistols, subcaliber rifles and air rifles.

3. Installation II consisted of the artillery repair shop, small arms repair shop, optical repair shop, locksmith's workshop, welding shop, forge and joiner's shop. A target range for the zeroing-in of small arms was attached to the repair shop. Installation III, the central ordnance depot, contained spare parts for all types of weapons.

4. The following officers of the VPD were identified:

VP Inspekteur Georg Thiele	School commandant.
VP Oberst Hermann Schulz	Deputy PK chief.
VP Oberkommissar Mangst (fnu)	PK officer in charge of organizational matters.
VP Oberkommissar Lux (fnu)	PK officer in charge of indoctrination and propaganda.
VP Rat Pflugbeil (fnu)	Chief of the party control commission.
VP Oberkommissar Werner Niesler	SED secretary.
VP Kommissar Heinrich (fnu)	FDJ secretary.
VP Rat Walter Lerche	Chief of staff.
VP Rat Friedrich Proehl	Chief director of instruction and training.
VP Rat Gerhard Paul	Director of instruction and training.
VP Rat Fritz Klein	Chief instructor for infantry training.
VP Rat Walter Kamin	Chief instructor for artillery training.
VP Oberkommissar Thiele (fnu)	Instructor for artillery training.
VP Kommissar Franke (fnu)	Technical instructor on ammunition.
VP Rat Fritz Melzer	Supply officer.
VP Rat Schuetze (fnu)	Commanding officer of the 1st Co.
VP Kommissar Harry Luck	Commanding officer of the 2d Co.
VP Oberkommissar Bernhagen (fnu)	Commanding officer of the 3d Co.
VP Oberkommissar Prause (fnu)	Chief of installation II.
VP Rat Zoeller (fnu)	Chief of installation III.
VP Oberkommissar Werner Mieth	Liaison officer to the Ministry of State Security and SMK.
VP Inspekteur Fadeyev (fnu)	Soviet adviser, a Soviet Army colonel, who was transferred to Saxony.

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- * Comment. The organization and missions of the VPD in Dobrilugk have not changed since 1951.

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